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- 25X1 1 During September 1953, rumors circulated within the State Secretariat for Chemistry to the effect that an administrative reorganization is no take place at the end of 1953 which will directly iffect the State Secretariat. There are two versions:
 - as The State Secretariat for Chemistry will become a ministry and its authority and jurisdiction over industrial enterprises will be greatly increased. In the past the East German chemical industry, unlike other industries, has been self-sustaining and has operated at a profit
 - b. A new ministry will be established which will include the prisent Main Administrations for Heavy Chemistry and for Liquid Puels, now under the State Secretariat for Chemistry. According to this version, the Main Administrations for Organic Chemistry and for Synthetic Materials will be transferred from the State Secretariat for Chemistry to the Ministry for Light Industry. Plans for the Main administration for Potassium and Non-Ore Mining are not yet known. The new ministry is to be called Ministry for Heavy Industry or something similar.
 - 2. Galle (fnu), the head of the Main administration for Liquid Fuels in the State Secretariat for Chemistry was sent on leave in mid-September 1953 and will probably not return to his post. It became known to the SED authorities that Galle had "deserted" his post during the June riots; actually Galle had spent 17 June 1953 at home. State Secretary Dr. Sinkler was reprimanded by the SED for not having reported the incident and for not having punished Galle. The SED requested that Galle be dismissed from his position and in the future "be occupied in a medium level enterprise according to his qualifications." It is not yet known who will succeed Galle should this happen.

25X1 Comment: Although the two versions seem to contradict each other, they are both in existence. It appears that the versions go back to noncommittal discussions on high government level, but that nothing definite has as yet been decided.

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